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This patent resulted from a continuation of and claims priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/552,669, filed on April 19, 2000, entitled "Fault Tolerant Data Storage Systems and Methods of Operating a Fault Tolerant Data Storage System," naming Robert Rust, Barry J. Oldfield, Steven Shrader, Christine Grund, and Christopher W. Johansson as inventors, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--